



April 17, 2002

William Caton, Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meetings in CC Docket Nos. 02-33, 95-20, 98-10, 98-147, 96-98, 01-318, 98-56, and 98-141

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is to provide notice in the above-captioned docketed proceedings of *ex parte* meetings on April 17, 2002, by Jonathan Askin and John Windhausen of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services, Roscoe Young of KMC Telecom, Clark McLeod and Bill Courter of McLeodUSA, Jim Geiger of Cbeyond Communications, Jim Butman of TDS Metrocom, Dave Stuwas of DSL.net, Wally Griffin of PacWest Communications, and Dick Metzger of Focal Communications Dorothy Attwood and Christopher Libertelli of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Commissioner Michael Copps and Jordan Goldstein, Commissioner Kevin Martin and Dan Gonzalez, Commission Kathleen Abernathy and Matthew Brill. During the meetings, the parties discussed the scope of the FCC's recent Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 02-33, 95-20, and 98-10. Because the issues raised in the NPRM implicate conclusions in CC Docket Nos. 98-147 and 96-98, we are also submitting this letter for inclusion in those dockets.

The parties discussed the potential implications of the tentative conclusions set forth in the NPRM on facilities-based competitive local exchange carriers. In particular the parties discussed the effects these conclusions might have on incumbent carriers' legal obligations to provision wholesale facilities to competitive carriers and stressed the need to ensure compliance with the provisions of Section 251(c)(3) of the Telecommunications Act.

Please include this notice of *ex parte* contact for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 202-969-2587.

Respectfully submitted,

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